GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1699
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2006
PAKISTAN/ POK TOURIST
Adityanath Yogi Shri

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons from Pakistan and Pak Occupied Kashmir (PoK) visited Jammu & Kashmir on tourist Visa by bus so far;

(b) the number of them left India;

(c) whether Supreme Court has issued any notice to the Union Government in connection with cases for the claims of properties in Jammu & Kashmir by these tourists;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Union Government apprised Supreme Court of their opinion with regard to this case; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) & (b) As reported by the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir, 745 persons from Pak Occupied Kashmir (PoK) have visited Jammu and Kashmir by Srinagar-Muzaffarabad and Poonch-Rawalakote bus services , whereas 246 persons travelled on foot through Line of Control (LoC) crossing points (total 991 PoK persons) on travel permits of whom 897 have returned till 4.8.2006.

(c) to (f) Yes, Sir. The notice has been received in response to an application filed by the Jammu and Kashmir National Panthers Party (I.A. No. 2 of 2005 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 578 of 2001) in the Hon`ble Supreme Court of India asking, among other things, to restrain the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir from entertaining applications by the residents of PoK visiting the State by Srinagar-Muzaffarabad Bus for restoration of their properties in the State. The matter is sub judice.